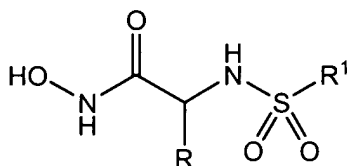


Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I:



FORMULA I

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ~~or mixture~~ thereof, wherein:

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of C₆₋₁₀ aryl groups, said aryl groups optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of R^a;

R^a is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₆alkyl and halogen groups; and

R is selected from the group consisting of C₃₋₁₀ heterocycloalkyl groups.

- 2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is a phenyl group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of R^a.

5. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is a phenyl group substituted with 1 to 3 groups of halogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, ~~naphthyl, 5-(2-pyridyl)thiophen-2-yl~~ or a mixture thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

~~N-t-butoxy-2(R)-[(4-fluoro-3-methylphenylsulfonyl)]amino-2-(4'-tetrahydropyranyl)-~~

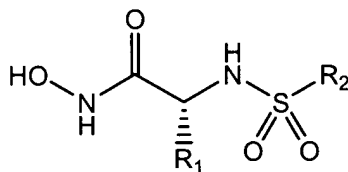
acetamide;

N-hydroxy-2(R)-[(4-fluoro-3-methylphenylsulfonyl)]amino-2-(4'-tetrahydropyranyl)-

acetamide;

compounds provided in Table 1 below

Table 1



| Example # | R ₁ | R ₂ |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| 64 | | |
| 74 | | |
| 78 | | |
| 105 | | |
| 130 | | |

and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and mixture thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 6, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

~~N-t-butoxy 2(R)-[(4-fluoro-3-methylphenylsulfonyl)]amino-2-(4'-tetrahydropyranyl)-~~

| acetamide;

N-hydroxy-2(R)-[(4-fluoro-3-methylphenylsulfonyl)]amino-2-(4'-tetrahydropyranyl)-
acetamide;

| ~~and or~~ a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~and mixture~~ thereof.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 6 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

17. (New) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 7 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.